How John W. Gates Has Acquired That Title.

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Now a Financial Power---The Case of Jester.

Since the days of the spectacular opertens of Jay Gould and "Jim" Fisk no. the speculators entirely by surprise, with Washburn & Moon Company.

ing any sleep over this fact, for, accord- 100 require his personal attention Ing to report, the transaction has brought. He decided to retire from business, and his substantially baim in the form of resigned the presidency of the Illinois

prises for his business associates as well "We'll do it!" exciaimed Mr. Gates, for his financial apponent. His for-

Wall street had heard of him tion, and Chicago that Mr. Gates performed was concerned in extensive trading in his earlier exploits and assumulated the Federal Steel and Chicago Gus, and only fortune which he is now using to heap a few weeks and it was currently reup further millions in his stock oper- ported that he had cleared nearly \$4,000,000

is not encorded that he displayed re- 2008 murder of his edler brother, Churles Gil- with individual coins. It is said that this

come prograt the manels was opposed by lattiness world was started the your attempts brother. Meanader numberment that tweive of the fruit Justice, the strong octains execute that make were to that down, throwing 1000 through he killed orners in old dead. He men out at emotormont "Overproduc-was at once arrowed, but white being then was the reason advanced, convered from the local prison to Mex- fr has been a fact of common knowl-

But the siener, like Gates himself, had had a record of seventy-two, went be-power feativen the double of her lover, law forty. She informed Mr. Gates' alterneys that | Some of the sufferers by the slump were Alexander lieser, the murderer of Chas unkind enough to say that Mr. Gates had Gates, was living in Orighema under the "ocared" his own stock and respect a assimed name of W. A. Hill.

Oklamana he electronical Jesser, picking the practical wisdom of his course.

In his tastes Mr. Gates is distinctly

Mr. Makes disclosed in this case have He was formerly one of the best an characterized his bestern affairs. For a stear trap and wing about in this Wes time tile spherer of operations was as re- and he is an expert with the billiard cur stricted are. He was a clerk in Cheago, To his friends he is known as a thera grain merchant and later the pro- companionable man, who is always ready prieter of a hardware store in Warrens- to appreciate and repay a favor or a burn. Mo. In 180, he removed to St. friendly act. He is theroughly devoted Louis and became the agent of a Cleve- to his family, and gives most of his land smill will will aron and shed manustime outside of his customs affairs to

Galley business pursues. He was then a political power in the state of Hillion just past thirty, and his arrevious suc- which is still his official residence. It is reso had been of a very modest kind. In said that he was effered the portfolio fact, it is provided if he over had antis-ipend the nonrection of half the number Harrison's Calinet. He also has been of millions he is massers now. But in credited with the desire of representihis familiarity with the rear and socie blinger in the Senate or of becoming

that time lastied wire was a new 1993. product on the market. There was an Mr. Gates is now at the use which to This firm controlled the bust- things at their own game.

is the magnifecture of burded time to come, terminately he began to For a time he was un-

with the case was decided.

In 1886 the contest ended in a victory Gates. The United States Circuit court handed down a decision declaring he Washburn & Moen patents invalid. The young manufacturer knew that this would be the signal for the opening of number of new mills, and he deermined to secure as large a share of the rade as possiblt. He enlarged his estab ishmen in St. Louis and secured an inerest in another one n Pittsburg. As fast as his capital permitted he started

In 1889 he systematically began the absorption of all the barbed wire plants in to country, and within the next three years he had gathered twenty-five mills -practically all the important ones in the ountry except that of his old rival, the Washburn & Moen Company-into the organization that was known familiarly as the Barbed Wire Trust."

In 1802, John W. Gates, who had started in the steel wire business only ten years before was president of two greacompanies—the Consolidated Steel and Wire Company and the Illinois Steel man has created such a commotion in Company. The latter was the largest Wall Street as John W. Gates has concern entering into the formation of the aroused by his recent operations. The gigantic Federal Steel Company, in the the stock of the American Steel and Wire very active. The Federal Steel Company Company was made to slump twenty was formed in 1808, and in that year the points inevitably surgested the methods wire interests were brought into a single of the former "Wixard." The coup took organisation by the absorption of the

the result that what is known as "ine In a dozen years Mr. Gates had made takent" received an unusually hard a great fortune, and had carried out schemes of vast proportions, requiring Among the speculative element Mr. boldness and well asenterprise and sound Gates is as cordially hated just at pres- judgment. At fifty years of age he was ent as a man well can be. It is not several times a milliontire and his it likely that Mr. Gates himself is wast- terests were in such form that they did

something like a million and three- Steel Company, intending to go to Europe to two yeras or more. All his plans were This is not the first time that the g- laid with this object in view, when as h nuncial operations of Mr. Gates have was one day taking luncheon with Mr. displayed a meteoric character. His S. P. Elwood, the suggestion was made career since he came into prominence in that the crorganization of the steel and winess world has absunded in sur- wire interests would be a good thing,

The two men hutried from Chicago to tune, which is estimated at present as Pittsburg and within a few days had se-something between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000 cured control of enough plants to assure his grown by a series of leaps and the success of the plan. The American bounds rather than by the slow accumns. Steel and Wire Company with its capt-The financial operations of Mr. Gates It is said that the rapidity with which have attracted more Attention because he this trust was organized breaks the is a newcomer in "the street." It is only record in this particular. Mr. Gatta' within the last two years that he has trip to Europe was abundaned, but it taken a hand in the game of finance as was said that he cleared something like ft is played in the money center of the \$5,000,000 out of his stroke of organiz-

fore that—as long and as life, when he Since the reorganization of this great large legal victory over Washourn corporation Mr. Gates' name has been & Most and secured the right to manu. prominent many times in connection with from the rise in Baltimore and Ohlo an Gates is Westerner by birth. He Union Pacific stock. More recently still grew up on an fillmas form and received the story was published that he had been good education, being graduated from one of the players in a picker gar stern College, at Naporollie, Lil. in which fortunes were staked in single

ed just as he resched munhood the sensation that has been caused by worful business man. This was the gling with millions as a magician mix asbems, like the formation of the Sto The latter was engaged to a young and Wire Company, originated during store. Mo, and for lumbleon discussion. At any rate th

Young Clates aware ofge for some time that in nearly ever that he would hand the murderer of his branch of the tron and steel trade, mills the active and exciting have been running night and day his loudness turger he never fore the statement given out by Mr. Gate of his determination. As he in explanation of the action, for which wonline he seemt themsands of he admits responsibility, came as a de-They were startled and surprised. One At least, a year ago, the murderer thing only was clear. The closeing who was living in Shawn-c, Oklahoma, mills meant a depreciation in the stock ventured to write to hat eleter asking of the concern. They made haste to un her not to reveal his whereabouts, but to lead and quotations on the company's communicate with him it was twenty- preferred stock, which a few months ago wight yours after the murder, and no had been quoted around par, dropped to doubt ever felt that at last be was safe, eventy-five, while the common, which

Mr. Gates was at the Oriental Hotel, was launched at him from without and Manhattan Raulh, when he received this within the ranks of Steel and Wire sharenews. He sum distaly task srain for the helders. The end is not yet but Mr Gates West, and as soon as he could reach steadily avers that time will soon prove

oners as the rean ne had sought for so American. Besides his fondness for what has been called the "matiemal sume" h The same corray and differminating that is fond of horses and enjoys a good tace

This was really the beginning of Mr. For several years Mr. Gates has been and in the rapidly increasing descretter of the state. Thus for he has mined for its products he found his op- preferred to further the ambitious his triends rather than to indulge his

demand for it for fewerg, for most men the height of their business v broughout the Western States activity. It is by no means likely that manufacture of the wire was our the confuring chapters of his bowrant lly to one firm, the Wash- are being written new. At all events he been & Moon Company, now members has demonstrated to the speculators of the Stood Wire Trust, which Mr. Cales the Street that he can teach them some

ness the new very ground patients which It is reported that Mr. Gates is again Trices were buch and the in- plasning a trip to Europe. Whether this presides another financial coup like the there came to the conclusion that formation of the Steel and Wire Company reducts would not hold it put to remains to be seen, but Wall Sirest ment not less than one year nor more the Accordingly be quietly will "watch out" for Mr. Gains for some than fourteen years. The indicaments are

with a count, opening a mill MRS. CRAVEN IS INDICTED Extragation, to be presented to the grand

aminer says: "Mrs. Notile R. Craven has is town trustee of Sausalito, Marin coun-Men Company, and Gates. Charge of felony, namely, perjury, for her Bylington refuses to confirm or den In the matter of capital, influence and testimony given before that body in rela- new Hyington refuses to confirm command of the trade, there was no tion to ber claim for a wilew's abare of the statement that the grand has referred comparison belower the two but Gates the James G. Fair relate. George W. Simpton was fighting for his hustness existence. Simpton who swore that he mairied Fair water On one oc- and Mrs. Craven and who subsequently casion it seemed that the write had gone made outh that he find in his first am- knowledge of the reported indictments His symmetry secured an davit, has also been milious for perform manding him to come the manufacture of Adolph Sive. He man who boosted that wire. But Gates was equal is the emet-He pocked all his muchinery and pun was induced to make his contralle- Increasing was incorporated supplies upon wagens one night and nory affidavits, has been indicated for sub-moved across the river into the state of ordination of pergury, which is also delitherly, where he continued his business fixed a felony. If the accused are con- The capital stock is \$50.00, and Cincin victed they may be punished by imprison- part is designated as its place of business

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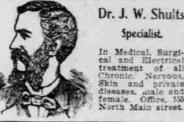
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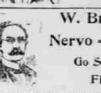
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